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1508

Year **1508** (**MDVIII**) was a leap year starting on Saturday (link will display the full calendar) of the Julian calendar.

Millennium:	2nd millennium
Centuries:	15th century · **16th century** · 17th century
Decades:	1480s · 1490s · **1500s** · 1510s · 1520s
Years:	1505 · 1506 · 1507 · **1508** · 1509 · 1510 · 1511

1508 in various calendars

Gregorian calendar	1508 *MDVIII*
Ab urbe condita	2261
Armenian calendar	957 ԹՎ ՋԾԷ
Assyrian calendar	6258
Balinese saka calendar	1429–1430
Bengali calendar	915
Berber calendar	2458
English Regnal year	23 Hen. 7 – 24 Hen. 7
Buddhist calendar	2052
Burmese calendar	870
Byzantine calendar	7016–7017
Chinese calendar	丁卯年 (Fire Rabbit) 4204 or 4144 — *to* — 戊辰年 (Earth Dragon) 4205 or 4145

Events

January–June

- February – Maximilian I, Holy Roman Emperor, attacks the Republic of Venice.

July–December

- August – Lebna Dengel succeeds his father Na'od, as Emperor of Ethiopia. Due to his young age, his grandmother Eleni acts as regent.
- December – Michelangelo begins painting the Sistine Chapel ceiling in the Holy See of Rome, on a commission by Pope Julius II (signed May 10).
- December 10 – The League of Cambrai is formed as an alliance against the Republic of Venice, between Pope Julius II, Louis XII of France, Maximilian I, Holy Roman Emperor and Ferdinand II of Aragon.
- December 29 – Portuguese forces under the command of Francisco de Almeida attack Khambhat at the Battle of Dabul.

Births

- February 17 – Bernardo Salviati, Italian Catholic cardinal (d. 1568)
- April 3 – Jean Daurat, French writer and scholar (d. 1588)
- April 5 – Ercole II d'Este, Duke of Ferrara, Italian noble (d. 1559)
- April 23 – Georg Sabinus, German writer (d. 1560)
- May 8 – Charles Wriothesley, English Officer of Arms (d. 1562)
- June 8 – Primož Trubar, Slovenian Protestant reformer who lays the foundations for the Slovenian written language (d. 1586)
- June 10 – Hedwig of Münsterberg-Oels, German noble (d. 1531)
- June 13 – Alessandro Piccolomini, Italian humanist and philosopher from Siena (d. 1579)

- June 29 – Balthasar of Hanau-Münzenberg, German nobleman (d. 1534)
- September 19 – Maria Paleologa, Italian noblewoman (d. 1530)
- September 23 – Simon Sulzer, Swiss theologian (d. 1585)
- September 25 – Francisco Mendoza de Bobadilla, Spanish Catholic cardinal (d. 1566)
- November 23 – Francis, Duke of Brunswick-Lüneburg, youngest son of Henry the Middle (d. 1549)
- November 25 – Cristofano Gherardi, Italian painter (d. 1556)
- November 30 – Andrea Palladio, Italian architect (d. 1580)
- December 9 – Gemma Frisius, Dutch mathematician and cartographer (d. 1555)
- December 21 – Thomas Naogeorgus, German playwright (d. 1563)
- December 24 – Pietro Carnesecchi, Italian humanist (d. 1567)
- *date unknown*
  - Livio Agresti, Italian painter (d. 1580)
  - Matsunaga Hisahide, Japanese daimyo (d. 1577)
  - Marin Držić, Croatian playwright (d. 1567)
- *possible*
  - Isabel de Josa, Catalan writer (d. 1575)
  - Jane Seymour, third queen of Henry VIII of England (d. 1537)

Deaths

- February – Robert Lauder of the Bass, governor of Berwick-on-Tweed (b. c. 1440)
- February 4 – Conrad Celtes, German humanist (b. 1459)
- February 15 – Giovanni II Bentivoglio, tyrant of Bologna (b. 1443)
- February 27 – James, Duke of Rothesay, heir to the throne of Scotland (b. 1507)
- February 28 – Philip, Elector Palatine (b. 1448)
- March 18 – Albert IV, Duke of Bavaria (b. 1447)
- March – Lourenço de Almeida, Portuguese explorer
- April 10 – Guidobaldo da Montefeltro, Italian *condottiero* (b. 1472)
- May 21 – Giles Daubeney, 1st Baron Daubeney (b. 1451)
- May 27 – Ludovico Sforza, Duke of Milan (b. 1452)
- June 6 – Ercole Strozzi, Italian poet (b. 1473)
- June 15 – Bernard Stewart, 4th Lord of Aubigny (b. c. 1452)
- July 28 – Robert Blackadder, Bishop of Glasgow
- July 31 – Na'od, Emperor of Ethiopia (in battle)

Coptic calendar	1224–1225
Discordian calendar	2674
Ethiopian calendar	1500–1501
Hebrew calendar	5268–5269
Hindu calendars	
- *Vikram Samvat*	1564–1565
- *Shaka Samvat*	1429–1430
- *Kali Yuga*	4608–4609
Holocene calendar	11508
Igbo calendar	508–509
Iranian calendar	886–887
Islamic calendar	913–914
Japanese calendar	Eishō 5 (永正５年)
Javanese calendar	1425–1426
Julian calendar	1508 *MDVIII*
Korean calendar	3841
Minguo calendar	404 before ROC 民前404年
Nanakshahi calendar	40
Thai solar calendar	2050–2051
Tibetan calendar	阴火兔年 (female Fire-Rabbit) 1634 or 1253 or 481 — *to* — 阳土龙年 (male Earth-Dragon) 1635 or 1254 or 482

- September 23 – Beatrice of Naples, queen consort of Hungary (b. 1457)
- October 18 – Patrick Hepburn, 1st Earl of Bothwell, Lord High Admiral of Scotland
- October 10 – János Thurzó, Hungarian businessman (b. 1437)
- October 23 – Edmund de Ros, 10th Baron de Ros, English politician (b. 1446)
- November 25 – Ursula of Brandenburg, Duchess of Münsterberg-Oels and Countess of Glatz (b. 1450)
- December 10 – René II, Duke of Lorraine (b. 1451)
- December 16 – Henry the Younger of Stolberg, Stadtholder of Friesland (1506–1508) (b. 1467)
- December 22 – Eric II, Duke of Mecklenburg (b. 1483)
- *date unknown*
  - Isaac Abravanel, Portuguese statesman, philosopher and theologian (b. 1437)
  - Mahmud Khan (Moghul Khan), Khan of Tashkent
  - Micheletto Corella, Valencian condottieri
  - Damkhat Reachea, emperor of Cambodia
  - Ahmad al-Wansharisi, North African Islamic jurist and theologian

December: Sistine Chapel.

Andrea Palladio

Ludovico Sforza

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